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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)
GOLDBERG ET AL

Examiner
PATRICK N. EDOUARD

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Period for Reply

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Feb 8, 2002
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 11-14, and 21-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 11-14, and 21-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 56 and 8 6) ☐ Other:

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's election without traverse of group I consisting of claims 1-4, 11-14 and 21-24 in Paper No. 11 is acknowledged.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in-

(1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effect under this subsection of a national application published under section 122(b) only if the international application designating the United States was published under Article 21(2)(a) of such treaty in the English language; or

(2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that a patent shall not be deemed filed in the United States for the purposes of this subsection based on the filing of an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a).

3. Claims 1-2, 4, 11-12, 21-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by

Galler et al (5,991,720).

As per claims 1, 11, 21 and 22, Galler et al teach a method of creating a dynamic grammar from a predetermined arrangement of first identifiers and second identifiers, each first type identifier being associated with one second type identifier, the method comprising the steps of:

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“Obtaining at least one first type identifier in accordance with a first type of predetermined criteria” (col. 5, line 64 through col. 6, line 30, the spelled name Johnson associated with a deletion error);

“Obtaining the second type identifier associated with each obtained first type identifier” (col. 6, lines 17-30, the name Johnson associated with an insertion error); and

“ creating the dynamic grammar by arranging the obtained first type identifier and the associated second type identifier in accordance with a predetermined criteria” (col. 6, lines 10-16, col. 8, lines 3-30).

As per claims 2, 4, 12 and 14, , Galler et al teach each first type identifier is associated with one third type identifier, establishing an existence of a predetermined relationship between ...with the predetermined criteria (col. 6, lines 18-30).

As per claims 23-24, Galler et al teach an information input device having an output for providing the first information...input device; wherein the input signal comprises a voice signal, and wherein the information input device includes a speech recognizing...first information signal (figure 5).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are

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such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 3 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Galler et al (5,991,720) in view of in the Background or the Invention.

Galler et al teach the claimed invention but does not explicitly teach wherein the predetermined criteria comprises an account number provided by a user and wherein each third type identifier comprises a predetermined account number included within the predetermined arrangement. However, this feature is well known in the art as evidenced by the Background of the invention which teaches customer can pay bill electronically using their account number as a predetermined criteria. Therefore, one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have it obvious to recognize that Galler could use account number as predetermined criteria in his system because it would render more versatile.

6. Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patrick N. Edouard whose telephone number is (703) 308-6725. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday from 07:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marsha Banks-Harold, can be reached on (703) 305-4379.

The facsimile phone number for this Art Unit is (703) 872-9314. Alternatively, facsimile messages may be sent directly to (703) 305-9644 where they will be stored in the examiner's voice mailbox (telling the examiner that a fax was received) and be automatically printed (i.e. - no delay by the examiner).

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

Patrick N. Edouard

May 14, 2002



PATRICK N. EDOUARD
PATENT EXAMINER